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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM THREE: GENERAL DEBATE

SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED JULY 9 AM WITH  
INTERVENTIONS BY WMO'S DAVIES, UNDP'S PETERSEN  
AND HUNGARIAN PERMREP SZARKA. NO ACTION REQUIRED.  
END SUMMARY

2. GENERAL DEBATE AM JULY 9 COMMENCED WITH STATEMENT  
BY WMO SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIES WHICH INTERESTING  
FOR ITS REFERENCES TO SAHELIAN AID. DAVIES NOTED  
THAT DROUGHT BASICALLY A METEROLOGICAL PHENOMENON  
BUT THAT PROBLEM OF DROUGHT IS ONE INVOLVING  
POPULATIONCHANGES, LAND MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN  
SETTLEMENT POLICIES REQUIRING INTERDISCIPLINARY  
APPROACH. DAVIES NOTED THAT WMO HADPUBLISHED  
STUDIES ON SAHEL AREA IN 1966 AND 1971. FOR  
FUTURE WMO WILL ASSIST SAHEL GOVERNMENTS TO  
BUILD UP METEROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES,  
ASSEMBLE COMPENDIUM OF HYDROLOGICAL DATA OF AREA,  
AND STUDY PERIODICITY OF DROUGHT IN THE ARA.  
REMAINDER OF SPEECH SUMMARIZED WMO'S TECHNICAL  
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COOPERATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

3. AMBASSADOR SZARKA (HUNGARY) DELIVERED THIRTY MINUTE CLICHE-LADEN STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, STATE OF HUNGARIAN ECONOMY AND ECOSOC REFORM. SZARKA ANNOUNCED IN CONNECTION WITH LATTER THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED PROCESS RATIFICATION OF ARTICLE 61. HE DESCRIBED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AS "BASICALLY FAVORABLE" BUT TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT IN MIDDLE EAST, ECONOMIC SITUATION HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY "ISRAELI AGGRESSION" AND THAT ALL PARTIES MUST IMPLEMENT SC RES 242 IN ORDER TO PAVE WAY FOR NORMAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AREA.

4. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSEN COMMENCED STATEMENT WITH DECLARATION THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS "FAILING TO ACHIEVE THE MODEST IDS TARGETS". AS REGARDS UNDP EFFORT, HE UNDERLINED ITS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES BY NOTING THAT UNDP FACED WITH \$80 MILLION IN EXCESS COMMITMENTS IN NEXT FEW YEARS. REVIEWING THE PROGRAM OF THE LAST YEAR, PETERSEN SAID THAT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS HAD OCCURRED IN PROJECT AREAS OF MINERAL EXPLORATION, FISHERIES AND IN ADMINISTRATIVE ARAS OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AND PERSONNEL POLICY. HE LAMENTED THAT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$274 MILLION BY UNDP IN 1972, ALTHOUGH REPRESENTING AN ADVANCE IN DOLLAR TERMS OVER 1971, HAD NOT ALLOWED FOR EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS DUE TO INFLATION. HE NOTED THAT FELLOWSHIP AND EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS WERE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1972 AS AGAINST 1971.

5. EMPHASIZING THAT UNDP NEEDED FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY, PETERSEN CAME DOWN HARD IN FAVOR OF USE OF THE GENERAL FUND AS OPPOSED TO SMALL SPECIAL FUNDS. HE LATTER AS INEFFICIENT AND AS NOT ALLOWING FOR AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. PETERSEN SPOKE TO SUBJECT OF NATURAL DISASTERS AT SOME LENGTH. HE INSISTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT UNDP MUST COMBINE IMPLEMENTATION OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS WITH ANY SPECIAL EFFORTS IN DISASTER ZONES. HE CITED SAHEL AS EXAMPLE, SAYING THAT EXISTING PROGRAMS IN ANIMAL FEED, VACCINES AND WATER EXPLORATION MUST CONTINUE. REFERRING TO SPECIAL MEASURES TO ASSIST THE SAHEL GOVERNMENTS, PETERSEN SAID THAT UNDP "WILL TRY TO FIND THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED", WHILE STRESSING THAT

THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF UNDP'S OVERALL DEFICIT POSITION. HE ANNOUNCED THAT UNDP WOULD BE WILLING TO SPONSOR A MEETING OF WATER SPECIALISTS TO FOCUS ON NEEDS OF SAHEL. HE ASSOCIATED SAHEL DISASTER WITH PROBLEM OF RIVER BLINDNESS IN VOLTA VALLEY, SAYING THAT PEOPLE WERE BEING DRIVEN FROM THE VALLEY INTO THE SAHEL DUE TO THIS DISEASE.

6. PETERSEN ALSO SAID THAT UNDP WISHES TO EXPAND INTER-COUNTRY, INTER-REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROJECTS. IN AREA OF MASS POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, HE SAID UNDP'S WORK HAD JUST BEGUN. HE THEN DESCRIBED THREE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM: THE RLDC, REGIONAL POVERTY POCKETS WITHIN NATIONS AND THE LOWER LEVELS OF ALL LDC'S SOCIETIES. AS REGARDS LDC'S, PETERSEN NOTED THAT UNDP PRESENTLY DEDICATING SOME 22 PERCENT OF ITS RESOURCES TO THEM AND PROJECTING 25 PERCENT AFTER 1976.

7. FINALLY, PETERSEN SAID THAT THERE WERE FOUR CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERLY, VIABLE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THEY WERE: (1) MONETARY STABILIZATION AND A MONETARY SYSTEM TAKING LDC'S INTEREST INTO ACCOUNT; (2) EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE; (3) INCREASED INVESTMENT; AND (4) ACCELERATED REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT OF LDC'S, DC'S AND UN AGENCIES TO DEVELOPMENT. BASSIN

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